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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Patton et al.

Atty Dkt No.: NOVLP016C1/NVLS-  
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Application No.: 10/693,223

Examiner: Nguyen, H.

Filed: October 24, 2003

Group: 2812

Title: SEQUENTIAL STATION TOOL FOR  
WET PROCESSING OF  
SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:


Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	13	MINUS	27		x 25 =	x 50 = 0.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS	3		x 100 =	x 200 = 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid						
Total					\$	\$0.00

- ☒ Applicant(s) hereby petition for a 1 month extension(s) of time to respond to the aforementioned Office Action.
- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.
- ☐ Enclosed is our Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.
- ☒ Please charge the required fees of \$120.00 or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. NOVLP016C1).

Respectfully submitted,  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** appear in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.